

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made before examination of the present application. A first office action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 4, 2003

By: Patricia D. Granados  
Patricia D. Granados  
Reg. No. 33,683

Customer No. 26633  
HELLER EHRMAN WHITE &  
MCAULIFFE LLP  
1666 K Street, N.W., Suite 300  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
(202) 912-2000 (office)  
(202) 912-2020 (fax)

Attorney for Applicants